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Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
10:00am-11:30am (PST)

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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS (TG) VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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| 1. WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS + CHECK-IN | 10:10am-10:15am |
| 2. CO-CHAIR'S REPORT | 10:15am-10:25am |
| a. February 27, 2024 Meeting Summary | |
| b. 2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar Updates | |
| 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT | 10:25am-10:55am |
| a. Operational and Programmatic Updates | |
| b. Service Standard Development Overview | |
| 4. DISCUSSION | 10:55am-11:40am |
| a. 2024 Workplan UPDATES | |
| b. Harm Reduction Institute PLANNING + UPDATES | |
| 5. MEETING RECAP + NEXT AGENDA MEETING | 11:40am-11:50am |
| 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS | 11:50am-12:00am |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | 12:00pm |



IN-PERSON MEETING—TRANSGENDER (TG) CAUCUS
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 10:00am to 12:00pm
MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance:

Xelestíal Moreno-Luz (<i>co-chair</i>)	Jade Ali (<i>co-chair</i>)	Rita Garcia
T Moreta	Devlin Diaz	Talia Huerta
Kevin Pizarro	Miro Dali	Julien De Jesus
Diamond Paulk	Cheryl Barrit, COH staff	Jose Rangel-Garibay, COH staff

1. Welcome and Introductions

Xelestíal Moreno-Luz, Co-Chair, welcomed attendees and led introductions.

2. Co-Chairs Report

a. Last Meeting Recap (January 23, 2024)

X. Moreno-Luz noted that at the January 23, 2024 meeting, Jade Ali was elected as co-chair for the Caucus. She added that the Caucus drafted their 2024 workplan and meeting calendar and began planning for the Harm Reduction Institute in April 2024.

b. Adopt 2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar

J. Rangel-Garibay provided an overview of the 2024 draft workplan and meeting calendar. He noted the major changes to the documents are marked in red. These changes include three activities that aim to align the Caucus’ activities with the charge of the Commission. See the meeting packet for a copy of the documents.

3. Executive Director/Staff Report

a. Operational and Programmatic Updates

C. Barrit provided an overview of the PSRA process. She explained that the Commission on HIV is the Federally mandated HIV planning council for the County of Los Angeles established by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Board of Supervisors (BOS). She noted that the Commission’s subgroups have the opportunity to provide recommendations to the Planning Priorities and Allocation (PP&A) Committee to help inform their deliberations during the PSRA Process. X. Moreno-Luz asked what the timeline is for the Caucus to draft recommendations to the PP&A Committee and what the process has looked like in the past. C. Barrit suggested that the Caucus review the Women’s Caucus recommendations from previous years to kickstart a brainstorm session among the Transgender Caucus members. She added a recommendation for the Caucus to draft a memo to the PP&A Committee to formally transmit the recommendations and document the activity. See the meeting packet for a copy of the PSRA handouts discussed.

X. Moreno-Luz initiated a brainstorming session prompting attendees to share any ideas for recommendations. Devil Diaz suggested the Caucus consider recommending a requirement that housing services provider agencies to develop policies that protect the rights of TGI clients. He added that the contracted agency definition of “women” needs to be inclusive of TGI clients. Rita Garcia suggested the Caucus consider recommending support funding for training and staff development opportunities for contracted agencies to provide trauma-informed services to TGI

clients. She added a recommendation to support funding for Peer Support services that assist TGI clients in navigating the healthcare system. Miro Dali suggested the Caucus consider recommending that contracted agencies review their “wet” vs. “dry” housing policies for HIV-specific housing. Diamon Paulk added a recommendation to change policies related to HIV-specific housing to improve retention of TGI clients. X. Moreno-Luz added that the goal should be to create systems that protect clients do not surveil them. Talia Huerta added that a key strategy is fostering a safe space for TGI clients and explaining to them the reason certain policies are in place. The more upfront provider agency staff are with the clients, the more likely they are to listen, understand, and abide by the policies. C. Barrit recommended that the Caucus consider collecting community feedback and recommendations during the upcoming Harm Reduction Institute event in April.

4. DISCUSSION

a. 2024 Workplan and Meeting Calendar

The Caucus adopted their 2024 workplan and meeting calendar as revised. The Caucus decided to reinstate their March meeting and utilize that time to continue their brainstorming session. The Caucus also decided to cancel their May community engagement activity centered around International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia and will utilize the meeting to finalize their recommendations and draft a memo they will send to the PP&A Committee.

b. Harm Reduction Institute | Planning and Updates

X. Moreno-Luz shared updates regarding the Harm Reduction Institute. The event will take place on April 29, 2024 from 9am-3pm at the Vermont Corridor. The event will feature a presentation by REACH LA staff on the results from their Harm Reduction Survey, followed by a panel discussion with the Health Equity Action Liaisons (HEAL). In the afternoon, there will be presentations from the UCLA and CHLA research study opportunities. The event will conclude with a Naloxone training and a self-defense training; these activities will take place concurrently. Participants can expect to receive an evaluation survey for the event at its conclusion. The expected attendance is 30-50 people.

Caucus members recommend that the event planners develop marketing materials and a brief pitch to share with their respective community groups. T. Huerta noted that she can assist with disseminating marketing materials and promoting the event on the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) transgender-focused social media channels. R. Garcia echoed T. Huerta’s sentiment and offered to work with the communications team at the Translatina Coalition to disseminate the materials as well.

Caucus members recommended to consider having a resource table or tabling component at the event to invite other organizations to share their efforts including any grassroots TGI-led groups that can contribute to the Harm Reduction Institute. Additionally, Caucus members recommended to add some time on the event agenda to introduce harm reduction and provide a brief overview of substance use in Los Angeles County. COH staff will follow-up with staff at the Substance Abuse Prevention Control (SAPC) Program to invite someone to conduct this report. D. Paulk offered to share print materials with information on Narcan that can be distributed at the event and supplement the onsite training.

The Caucus co-chairs and COH staff will follow-up with the presenters from UCLA and CHLA to discuss their presentations and answer any pending questions regarding their involvement.

5. Meeting Confirmation and Agenda Development for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 26, 2024 location to be determined and will be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The Caucus will review the Women's Caucus recommendations and continue their brainstorming session to inform their draft memo to the PP&A Committee.

6. Public Comments and Announcements

- D. Paulk shared that she is meeting with the LA Pride organization to discuss planning of a conference for TGI people that would take place at the beginning of or in Mid-July. She also noted that the next Pillow Talk will take place on March 21, 2024 at The Gathering Spot. Lastly, she mentioned the cohort membership for the HIV.E program she manages will move to a rolling-basis enrollment. There are currently 10 slots available. The program offers a \$100 stipend and members will be tasked with helping plan upcoming Pillow Talks and provide input for the TGI Conference in partnership with LA Pride later in the summer.
- T. Moreta and T. Huerta shared details about the LA Trans Women study and encouraged attendees to help with recruiting community members to participate in the study.
- Kevin Pizarro shared information on current and upcoming HIV studies at the UCLA Center for AIDS Research and Education (CARE). He noted he is interested in increasing recruitment of TGI individuals in research studies and shared brochures with more information.
- D. Diaz shared that his organization hosts a research subcommittee as part of Connect to Protect LA on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10am to 11:30am. The goal is for attendees to share research insights on current, ongoing, and upcoming research projects. The meeting is virtual, and all are encouraged to attend.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.



PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Transgender Caucus will lead and advance throughout 2024.

CAUCUS RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) Facilitate dialogue among caucus members, 2) develop caucus voice at the Commission and in the community, 3) provide the caucus perspective on various Commission issues, and 4) cultivate leadership within the caucus membership and consumer community.

#	Activities	Description	Target Deadline	Status/Notes
1	Strengthen core Caucus responsibilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline priorities and meeting agendas Strengthen relationships between members Reduce barriers for participation in meetings 	Ongoing	COH staff meet with co-chairs in-between meeting cycles to discuss agenda development
2	Implement Transgender Caucus 2024 meeting and Community Engagement activities schedule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm Reduction Institute – Apr. 29, 2024 TGI Health Summit – Nov. 1 or 2, 2024 	Nov 2024	Caucus will share updates on the planning process for the Harm Reduction Institute on 2/27/24.
3	Integrate mini training at meetings on how decisions are made on the Commission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold trainings for members related to the COH and COH purpose, decision-making process, and composition Build trust between the community and Commission Encourage members to participate in COH-related activities and consider applying to become Commissioner Increase visibility of the LAC COH in the community 	Ongoing	Keep training as a standing meeting agenda item.
4	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feedback and recommendations to the SBP Committee to inform the service standard review/development process Elevate requests for service standards review to SBP Committee for consideration 	Ongoing	COH still provide a brief overview of the Service Standard Development process.
5	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Public Policy Committee (PPC).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feedback and recommendations to the PPC to inform the policy priorities document review process and legislative docket development process Elevate policy and legislative recommendations to Public Policy for consideration 	Ongoing	COH staff will provide a brief overview of the Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket development process.
6	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feedback and recommendations to the PP&A Committee to inform the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process 	Ongoing	COH staff will provide a brief overview of the PSRA process.



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TRANSGENDER CAUCUS 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE | (updated 3.21.24)

DATE	KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes)
Jan 23 10am to 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominate/Elect Co-Chairs for 2024 Develop meeting schedule and learning session topics for 2024
Feb 27 10am to 12pm REACH LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) Process and Caucus Recommendations to the Commission and Planning, Priorities, and Allocations Committee Plan for Harm Reduction Institute
Mar 26 10am to 12pm Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Standard Development overview Draft PSRA recommendations to PP&A Committee Plan for Harm Reduction Institute
Apr 29 7am-4pm Vermont Corridor Rooms TK8/TK11	Community Engagement Activity: Harm Reduction Institute
May 28 10am to 11:30 am	
Jun 25	MEETING CANCELLED
Jul 23 10am to 11:30 am Vermont Corridor Room TK11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections from PRIDE Announce the TGI Health Summit
Aug 27 10am to 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TGI Health Summit Planning Send call for abstracts for TGI Health Summit
Sep 24 10am to 11:30 am	
Oct 22 10am to 11:30 am	
Nov 1 or 2 9am-4pm TBD	Community Engagement Activity: TGI Health Summit
Nov 26 10am to 11:30 am TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debrief the TGI Health Summit
Dec 24	MEETING CANCELLED

What are service standards?



- Outline the elements and expectations a Ryan White (RW) service provider follows when implementing a specific service category
- Ensure that all RW service providers offer the same **basic** service components
- Establish the **minimal** level of service of care for consumers throughout the jurisdiction

How are service standards used?



- Service standard development is a joint responsibility shared by DHSP and COH
- Service standards are used in:
 - DHSP Request for Proposals (RFPs)
 - Service provider contracts
 - Monitoring/quality assurance
- Service providers are encouraged to participate in COH deliberations and planning activities

How are service standards used? Cont.

- DHSP provides summary information to the COH on the extent to which the service standards are being met (based on monitoring)
- DHSP assists with identifying possible need for revisions to service standards including:
 - Service providers are following standards, but medical outcomes are not good
 - Service providers are finding it very difficult to meet some standards
 - Service standards are discouraging flexibility needed for service innovations or appropriate care for diverse populations

Developing Service Standards

- No required format or specific process defined by HRSA/HAB
- The Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee:
 - Leads the service standards development process for the Commission on HIV
 - Agrees on outline to be used for all service standards
 - Determines the schedule for review/update (at least every 3 years)

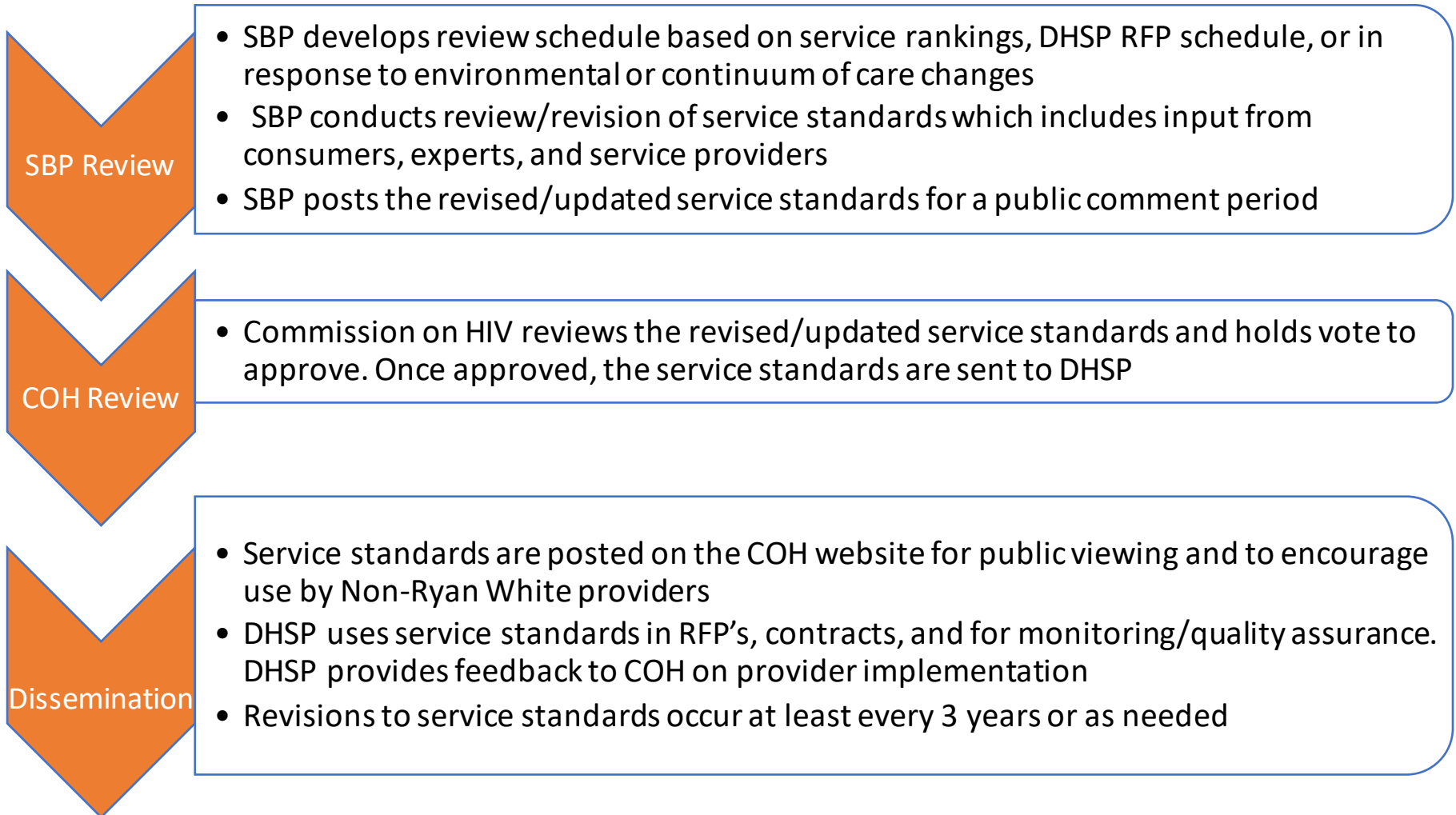


Developing Service Standards Cont.

- The SBP Committee prioritizes reviews/updates to service standards based on:
 - Service category's allocation level
 - Local priority
 - DHSP's RFP schedule
 - A consumer, provider, or service concern
 - To respond to environmental or continuum of care changes (COVID-19, status neutral approach)



Service Standards Review Cycle





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Standards & Best Practices Committee Standards of Care Definition¹

- ❖ Service standards are written for service providers to follow
- ❖ Service standards establish the minimal level of service or care that a Ryan White funded agency or provider may offer
- ❖ Service standards are essential in defining and ensuring consistent quality care is offered to all clients
- ❖ Service standards serve as a benchmark by which services are monitored and contracts are developed
- ❖ Service standards define the main components/activities of a service category
- ❖ Service standards do not include guidance on clinical or agency operations

¹Retrieved from <https://targethiv.org/library/service-standards-guidance-ryan-white-hiv-aids-program-granteesplanning-bodies>.
December 2015.



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**Standards of Care Review
Guiding Questions**

1. Are the standards up-to-date and consistent with national standards of high quality HIV and STD prevention services?
2. Are the standards reasonable and achievable for providers?
3. Will the services meet consumer needs? Are the proposed standards client-centered?
4. What are the important outcomes we expect for people receiving this service? How can we measure whether or not the service is working for them?
5. Is there anything missing from the standards related to HIV prevention and care?
6. Is there anything missing in regard to other topics such as reducing stigma, social determinants of health, immigration issues, support around insurance and housing, etc.?
7. Are the references still relevant?



Steps in the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process Ryan White Program Year – March 1 to February 28

1

Review core medical and support service categories, including HRSA service definitions

2

Review data/information from DHSP & COH Caucuses

3

Agree on how decisions will be made; what values will be used to drive the decision-making process

4

Rank services by priority
Ranking DOES NOT equal level of allocation by percentage

5

Allocate funding sources to service categories by percentage
Ryan White Program Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)

6

Draft Directives: Provide instructions to DHSP on how best to meet the priorities
Informed by COH Committees, Caucuses, Task Forces, data, PLWH & provider input

7

Reallocation of funds across service categories, as needed throughout funding cycle



Ryan White Program Service Categories

Core Medical Services

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments
- Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)
- Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance for Low-Income Individuals
- Home and Community-Based Health Services (aka Home-based Case Management)
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Services
- Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services (aka Medical Care Coordination)
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Care
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

Supportive Services

- Childcare Services
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Health Education/Risk Reduction
- Housing
- Linguistic Services
- Medical Transportation
- Non-Medical Case Management Services
- Other Professional Services
 - Legal Services
 - Permanency Planning
- Outreach Services
- Permanency Planning
- Psychosocial Support
- Referral for Healthcare and Support Services
- Rehabilitation
- Respite Care
- Substance Abuse (Residential)



Ryan White Program Parts

Program Part	Recipient	Funding Purpose
Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative Funds* (Locally managed by DHSP)	Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) & Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide medical (core) and support services to cities/counties most severely affected by HIV • Minority AIDS Initiative – Help RWHAP recipients improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for minorities
Part B	All 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and six U.S. territories; states distribute money to counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the quality of and access to HIV health care and support in the U.S. • Provide medications to low-income people with HIV through AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
Part C	Local community-based groups (e.g., FQHCs, clinics, CBOs, FBOs, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide outpatient ambulatory health services and support for people with HIV • Help for community-based groups to strengthen their capacity to deliver high-quality HIV care
Part D	Local community-based organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide medical care for low-income women, infants, children and youth with HIV • Offer support services for people with HIV and their family members
Part F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AETCs & SPNS • Dental Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program – Provide training and technical assistance to providers treating patients with or at risk for HIV • Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) – Develop innovative models of HIV care and treatment to respond to RWHAP client needs • Dental Programs – Provide oral health care for people with HIV and education about HIV for dental care providers

* Indicates RWP Parts that are allocated by the Commission on HIV/Planning Council.

HARM REDUCTION INSTITUTE

Monday April 29, 2024

9:00am - 3:00pm

Vermont Corridor

510 S. Vermont Avenue, 14th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90010

(Last revised 3/21/24)

8:30 AM: **Registration & Breakfast**

Food: **Everytable** [Fresh, ready to eat meals for 50+ people]

9:00: **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Xelestíal Moreno-Luz | Transgender Caucus

Jade Ali | Transgender Caucus

9:30 AM - 10AM: **LGBTQ+ Substance Use & Community Impact Discussion**

10 AM - 10:15AM: **BREAK**

10:15 AM: **REACH LA Presents on the Harm Reduction Survey**

Jake Moran | REACH LA

Julien De Jesus | REACH LA

11 – 12 PM – **Health Equity Action Liaison (HEAL) Panel**

12:00 PM – 1 PM: **LUNCH & Performance**

- Drag Performance

1:00 – 1:45 PM: **Harm Reduction in Young Adults and Adolescent Populations**

Blanca Tinoco-Rodriguez | Children's Hospital Los Angeles

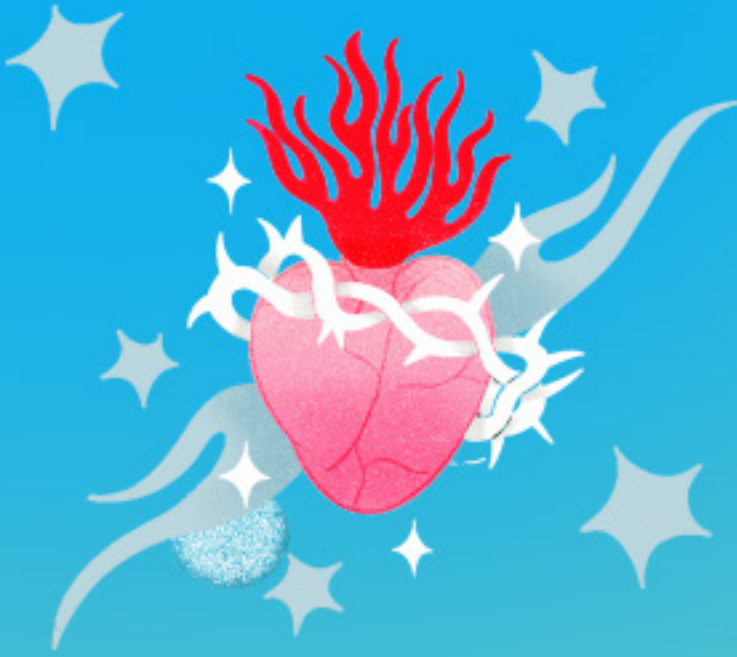
1:45 - 2:45 PM: **Inland Empire Harm Reduction**

1:45 - 2:45 PM: **Trans Defense Fund LA**

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM - **Closing Remarks and Evaluations**

3:00 PM - End of Event

Harm Reduction Institute



Analyzing the changing landscape
of LGBTQIA+ substance use in
Los Angeles County



April 29, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM

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Partnering organizations will present on resources & LGBTQ+ affirming training:



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